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Of every PARISH within the

Arch-Deaconry of *Leiceſter,*

Are to Ground their

PRESENTMENTS,

AT THE

VISITATION

OF THE

Reverend *DAVID TRIMNELL,*

Arch-Deacon of *Leiceſter, A. D.* 1716.

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***The* OATH *to be administer'd to* Church-wardens *and* Side-men, *at the Time of the* VISITATION.**

YOU shall Swear, That you will Faithful and True Presentment make, **of all Defaults, Ulces, and Irregularities, committed in your Parish, which to your Knowledge are Presentable by the Ecclesiastical Laws of this Realm.**

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TO THE *Incumbents* and *Church-wardens* WITHIN THE Arch-Deaconry of *LEICESTER.*

NOtwithſtanding *my unhappy Diſtance from you, I intend, with God's Leave, to ſupply that Defect, by taking all ſeaſonable Opportunities of Viſiting my Arch-deaconry in a Parochial Way.*

And I cannot think of any better Method to prepare you and my ſelf for the making ſuch a Viſitation effectually to anſwer the End of it, than to tranſmit to you, with theſe Articles deliver'd at my General Viſitation, the following Articles and Directions, which were drawn up for that particular Purpoſe, by our Right Reverend Dioceſan, when he ſo well diſcharg'd the Office of an Arch-deacon himſelf, adorning That, *as he does* This *ſuperiour Station in the Church; in which he will ſo equally follow his Predeceſſor's Steps, that it will be the peculiar Happineſs of this Dioceſe, to find the more immediate Influences, it ſo lately enjoy'd, of his Grace's great paſtoral Care,* remov'd, *but not* withdrawn *from it.*

For, by this Means, I do not only act with due Reſpect, and in juſt Subſervience to the Biſhop, and thereby with greater Satisfaction and Security to my ſelf; but, I preſume, with an Authority more prevailing with, and agreeable to you.

I cannot indeed determine preciſely the Order or Time in which each Pariſh ſhall be viſited, becauſe it is a Work which muſt be done

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by degrees, and will depend upon Health, and many other Accidents. However, I will take Care that it ſhall be at as convenient a Time as it well can, and that you ſhall have ſufficient Notice of it.

Having no other Aim or Deſign in this, than to make my ſelf and you eaſy in the conſcientious Diſcharge of our reſpective Duties, in the moſt material Points of it, and being ſufficiently ſenſible of the better Opportunities and Abilities my Predeceſſor had to inſpect and regulate Matters of this Nature, I ought not to doubt, but that almoſt every Thing will be found in ſuch Order and Regularity, as will be Satisfactory to us all.

To the End therefore that all ſucceeding Church-wardens may, without farther Expence to the Pariſh, have Directions at Hand, for the due making their Preſentments, I muſt require you, who are now ſworn Church-wardens, as ſoon as you have fram'd your own, to depoſit this Book in your Pariſh-Cheſt: And that you punctually obſerve the 119*th Canon, in framing your Preſentments at Home, where you will have Time, and may alſo have the Benefit of the Advice and Direction of your Miniſter; by whoſe kind and pious Aſſiſtance, you will certainly be brought more thoroughly to conſider your Duty, and your Oath, and deliver your ſelves from the Danger of Perjury.*

And that you may not think, by a uſual Shift, to transfer the Guilt of ſo damnable a Sin, to your Succeſſors, by transferring ſuch Crimes to be preſented by them, which you, in your Time, ought to have taken Notice of, I have added to the other Canons here prefix'd, that Part of the 118*th Canon, wherein the Church has thought fit, in that Caſe, to ſubject you to the "Pains of thoſe Cenſures which "are appointed for the Reformation of ſuch* Dalliers *and* Diſpen-"ſers *with your own Conſciences and Oaths.*

I am

Your faithful Friend and Servant,

DAVID TRIMNELL.

CANONS *of the Church, for the making of Presentments by* Church-wardens, regularly *and* conscientiously.

XXVI. *Notorious Offenders not to be admitted to the Communion.*

NO Minister shall in any wise admit to the receiving of the Holy Communion, —— any Church-wardens, or Side-men, who having taken their Oaths to present to their Ordinaries all such publick Offences as they are particularly charg'd to enquire of in their several Parishes, shall (notwithstanding their said Oaths, and that their faithful discharging of them, is the chief Means whereby publick Sins and Offences may be reform'd and punish'd) wittingly and willingly, desperately and irreligiously, incur the horrible Crime of Perjury, either in neglecting or in refusing to present such of the said Enormities and publick Offences as they know themselves to be committed in their said Parishes, or are notoriously offensive to the Congregation there; although they be urg'd by some of their Neighbours, or by their Minister, or by their Ordinary himself, to discharge their Consciences by presenting of them, and not to incur so desperately the said horrible Sin of Perjury.

In Can. cxvi. Entitled, *Church-wardens not bound to present oftner than twice a Year.*

PRovided always, that as good Occasion shall require, it shall be lawful for every Minister, Church-wardens, and Side-men, to present Offenders as oft as they shall think meet. And likewise for any godly disposed Person, or for any Ecclesiastical Judge, upon Knowledge or Notice given unto him or them, of any enormous Crime within his Jurisdiction, to move the Minister, Church-wardens, and Side-men, as they tender the Glory of God, and Reformation of Sin, to present the same, if they shall find sufficient Cause to induce them thereunto, that it

may be in due Time puniſh'd and reform'd. Provided, that for their voluntary Preſentments, there be no Fee requir'd or taken of them, under the Pain aforeſaid.

In Can. cxvii. Entit. *Church-wardens not to be troubled for not preſenting oftner than twice a Year.*

NEither ſhall they, nor any of them, after their Preſentments exhibited at any of thoſe Times, be at any farther Trouble for the ſame, except upon manifeſt and evident Proof it may appear, that they did willingly and wittingly omit to preſent ſome ſuch Crime or Crimes as they knew to be committed, or could not be ignorant that there was then a publick Fame of them; or unleſs there be very juſt Cauſe to call them for the Explanation of their former Preſentments. In which Caſe of wilful Omiſſion, their Ordinaries ſhall proceed againſt them in ſuch Sort as in Cauſes of wilful Perjury, in a Court Eccleſiaſtical, it is already by Law provided.

cxix. *Convenient Time to be aſſign'd for framing Preſentments.*

FOR the avoiding of ſuch Inconveniences as heretofore have happen'd by the haſty making of Bills of Preſentments, upon the Days of the Viſitation and Synods, it is order'd, That always hereafter, every Chancellor, Arch-deacon, Commiſſary, and Official, and every other Perſon having Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction, at the ordinary Time when the Church-wardens are ſworn, and the Arch-biſhop and Biſhops, when he or they do ſummon their Viſitation, ſhall deliver, or cauſe to be deliver'd to the Church-wardens, Queſt-men, and Side-men of every Pariſh, or to ſome of them, ſuch Books of Articles as they or any of them ſhall require for the Year following, the ſaid Church-wardens, Queſt-men, and Side-men, to ground their Preſentments upon, at ſuch Times as they are to exhibit them. In which Book ſhall be contain'd the Form of the Oath, which muſt be taken immediately before every ſuch Preſentment; to the Intent, that having before-hand Time ſufficient, not only to peruſe and conſider what their ſaid Oath ſhall be, but the Articles alſo whereupon they are to ground their Preſentments, they may frame them at Home, both adviſedly and truly, to the Diſcharge of their own Conſciences, after they are ſworn, as becometh honeſt and godly Men.

ARTICLES OF ENQUIRY, &c.

TIT. I.

Concerning the CLERGY.

1. IS your *Miniſter* a Perſon of ſober, unblameable, and exemplary Life?

2. Is he reſident upon his *Beneſice?* or, if not, hath he a Curate conſtantly reſiding?

3. Doth your Miniſter dwell in the Parſonage or Vicarage Houſe?

4. Doth he read the whole Service of the Church, as preſcrib'd by the Book of Common-Prayer, diſtinctly, audibly, and devoutly, without Omiſſion or Alteration? And doth he alſo preach conſtantly every Sunday, unleſs hinder'd by Sickneſs, or other reaſonable Impediment?

5. Doth he adminiſter the Holy Sacrament, at leaſt three Times a Year?

6. Doth he diligently Catechiſe the Youth of your Pariſh in the Church, upon Sundays or Holy-Day?

7. Is

7. Is he careful in visiting the Sick, and in preparing them for their Departure out of this Life?

Tit. II.

Concerning the Parishioners.

1. ARE there any in your Parish, who lie under a common Fame, or vehement Suspicion of Adultery, Fornication, or Incest?

2. Are there in your Parish, any common Swearers, or Drunkards?

3. Are there any who commonly absent themselves from Morning or Evening Service on the Lord's-day?

4. Are there any who behave themselves disorderly in the Church?

5. Are there any who follow their Callings or ordinary Labour on the Lord's-day, or who compel or permit their Children or Servants so to do?

6. Are there any who keep open Shops, or suffer Persons to tipple in their Houses, on the Lord's-day?

Tit. III.

Concerning Parish *and* Church-Officers.

1. ARE your Church-wardens chosen every Year in *Easter*-Week, by the Minister and Parishioners, or one by the Minister, and the other by the Parishioners?

2. Have

2. Have the laſt Church-wardens given a juſt Account to the Miniſter and Pariſhioners, and deliver'd up whatſoever Money or other Things do of Right belong to the Church or Pariſh?

3. Have you a Pariſh-Clerk of 20 Years of Age, or upwards, and well qualify'd for the decent and laudable Diſcharge of that Office?

4. Doth he, or the Sexton, open and ſhut the Church-Doors at due Times, and toll the Bells for Divine Service at the uſual Hours?

5. Doth he, or the Sexton, take Care that the Church be kept clean from Duſt and Cobwebs, and the like Annoyances?

TIT. IV.

Concerning the OFFICERS *of the Arch-deacon's Court.*

1. HAth any Officer of the Arch-deacon's Court, demanded or taken undue and unreaſonable Fees, for any Cauſe or Matter tranſacted by him?

2. Hath any Officer of the ſaid Court ſuppreſs'd or delay'd the Proſecution of Perſons duly preſented by the Miniſter or Church-wardens?

3. Hath any of them taken Money by Way of Commutation for Offences, or otherwiſe, to excuſe or diſmiſs the Offenders from Puniſhment?

TO

TIT. V.

Concerning Churches, Church-yards, and the Manſion-houſes of Parſons, Vicars, and Curates.

1. ARE your Church, and Church-yard, and the Manſion-houſe of your Rector and Vicar, in ſuch Repair and Order, within and without, as is requir'd in the following *Articles* and *Directions* herewith tranſmitted to you, in order to a Parochial Viſitation of the Arch-deacon?

2. Is your Church duly furniſh'd with Books, Veſtments, Veſſels, and all other Things particularly * ſpecify'd in the *Articles* and *Directions* aforeſaid?

* *See the firſt Head.*

3. Was the ſaid Book of *Articles* and *Directions* carefully depoſited in your Pariſh-Cheſt, and doth it now remain there?

4. Are there any who refuſe to pay their Rates towards the Repairs of the Church, and the providing of ſuch Things as are neceſſary for the Service of Almighty God?

OF

OF Parochial Visitations, AND THE *RIGHT and DUTY* OF ARCH-DEACONS to make them.

I. *NEXT to the performing of Divine Service in such due and solemn Manner as the Rubricks and Canons of our Church direct, nothing is more necessary to maintain the Honour of God's publick Worship, than that the* Church, *and all Things belonging to it, be preserv'd in a decent, regular, and orderly State. Concerning which, as a Matter of great Consequence to Religion, the Laws of the Church, in all Times, have been very particular; and, because the* Bishop *is sufficiently employ'd in directing the* Clergy *in their Office and Function, and attending the more weighty Affairs of the Church, the same Laws have for many Ages charg'd the* Arch-deacons, *in*

in Subſervience to the Biſhops, with the Care of the Fabrick, Utenſils, *and* Ornaments *of the Houſe of God.* *

* Lib. *Rom. Ord.* among other Branches of the Duty of Arch-deacons, mentions *Honorem & Reſtaurationem Eccleſiarum.* Decretal. Tit. de Offic. Archiadic. c. 1.

In the ſame Title, it is ſaid, with regard to the Goods and Utenſils of the Church, *Quod ſi quid ex eis vel negligentiâ vel cujuſquam fraude deperiit, tu* (ſpeaking to the Arch-deacon) *hoc reatu adſtringeris, qui, per Archidiaconatûs Ordinem, cuſtodiæ ejuſdem Eccleſiæ arctiùs deputaris.* Decret. Epiſt. Tit. de Off. Arch. c. 3. Where the Gloſs upon the Word *Cuſtodiæ*, is, *Ad ipſum etiam pertinet cura & ſolicitudo totius Eccleſiæ*; meaning, not only the Care of the Goods and Utenſils which had been particularly mention'd, but alſo the Care of the *Fabrick*, and of all Things belonging to it.

The Legatin Conſtitution of *Otho*, commands Arch-deacons to enquire *de Sacris Vaſis & Veſtibus*, (Tit. 19. de Archidiaconis.) The Provincial Conſtitution of Arch-biſhop *Walter*, enjoins the ſame Arch-deacons, *ut diligentem adhibeant conſiderationem ad fabricam Eccleſiæ, & maximè Cancelli, ſi forte indigeant Reparatione*, (Lyndw. Tit. de Off. Archid. c. Archidiaconi, & infra.) And another, of the ſame Arch-biſhop, more expreſsly thus: *Provideant Archidiaconi, ut linteamina & alia ornamenta Altaris, ſicut decet, ſint honeſta, & Libros habeat Eccleſia idoneos —— & ut honor debitus Divinis Officiis in omnibus impendatur.* Lyndw. Tit. de Off. Archid. c. ſint Eccleſiarum.

II. *In Conſequence of the Care of the* Fabrick, Utenſils, *and* Ornaments, *as aforeſaid, it belongs to the Arch-deacon to ſee that all* Gifts *and* Charities, *which have been left or appropriated to the Fabrick of the Church or Chancel, or to the finding of Neceſſaries or Conveniences of any kind, be faithfully preſerv'd, and apply'd to their proper Uſes.* †

† In a Conſtitution of *Steph Langton*; *Item provideant* [*Archidiaconi*] *de poſſeſſionibus —— ne Eccleſia ſuo jure defraudetur*, (Lyndw. de Off. Archid. c. Ut Archid.) Where *Lyndwood*, tho' he is not ſo clear that the Word *Poſſeſſionibus* means the Tythes, Oblations, *&c.* is expreſs, as to all Bequeſts for the Support of the Church —— *Emolumenta & jura, ad Sustentationem Ornamentorum & Fabricæ Eccleſiæ; ſive Luminarium, ordinata, legata, vel aliàs quoviſmodo preparata vel acquiſita.*

III. *The* Manſion-houſes *of Incumbents, with the other Edifices, being Eccleſiaſtical Fabricks, erected for the immediate Service of the Church, are, and have long been, the Care of the Arch-deacon, equally with the Church it ſelf.* *

* In a Conſtitution of *Othobon*; *Statuimus & præcipimus, ut univerſi Clerici ſuorum Beneficiorum Domos, & cætera ædificia, prout indiguerint, reficere ſtudeant condecenter; ad quod per Epiſcopos ſuos vel Archidiaconos ſolicitè moneantur.* Tit. 17. de Dom. Eccl. refic.

IV. *Alſo*

IV. *Alſo* Parochial Libraries, *erected chiefly for the Uſe and Benefit of Incumbents, are under the Inſpection of the Arch-deacon; whoſe Duty it is to ſee that the Books be carefully preſerv'd, and all Benefactions towards the Support and Increaſe of ſuch Libraries duly apply'd.* ¶

¶ In an Act, Entitled, *An Act for the better Preſervation of Parochial Libraries*, it is provided, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the proper Ordinary—— or the Arch-deacon, or, by his Direction, his Official, or Surrogate,—— in his or their reſpective Viſitation, to enquire into the State and Condition of the ſaid Libraries, and to amend and addreſs the Grievances and Defects of and concerning the ſame, as to him or them ſhall ſeem meet——and the ſaid Ordinaries, Arch-deacons, or Officials, reſpectively, ſhall have free Acceſs to the ſame, at ſuch Times as they ſhall reſpectively appoint. *Stat.* 7. *Ann. c.* 14. *S.* 3.

Every Rector, Vicar, *&c.* ſhall make, or cauſe to be made a new Catalogue of all Books remaining in, or belonging to, ſuch Library, and ſhall ſign the ſaid Catalogue, thereby acknowledging the Cuſtody and Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Books. *Ibid. S.* 4.

A Book ſhall be kept within the ſaid Library, for the entring and regiſtering of all ſuch Benefactions, and ſuch Books as ſhall be given towards the ſame; and therein the Miniſter ſhall enter, or cauſe to be fairly enter'd ſuch Benefaction, and an Account of all ſuch Books as ſhall from Time to Time be given, and by whom given. *Ibid. S.* 8.

Orders and Rules [*made, or to be made, for the good Government of the Library*] ſhall from Time to Time be enter'd in the ſaid Book, or ſome other Book to be prepar'd for that Purpoſe, and kept in the ſaid Library. *Ibid. S.* 9.

V. *The Method which the Eccleſiaſtical Laws have preſcrib'd to Arch-deacons, for the due Diſcharge of their Office, in the foregoing Particulars, is,* Parochial Viſitation; *or, the repairing perſonally to the Church of every Pariſh, and to the Manſion-houſe of every Incumbent.* ***

*** In a Conſtitution of *Otho*; *De Archidiaconis quoque ſtatuimus, ut Eccleſias utiliter & fideliter viſitent.* Tit. 19. De Archidiaconis.

A Conſtitution of Arch-biſhop *Walter*, requiring Arch-deacons to inſpect the Fabricks of Churches, ſays, That this muſt be done *in Viſitationibus Eccleſiarum faciendis.* Lyndw. Tit. de Offic. Archid. c. Archidiaconi.

The Canons of 1603 expreſly require, that every Arch-deacon *ſurvey the Churches of his Juriſdiction once in every three Years, or cauſe the ſame to be done.* Can. 86.

VI. *Wherever Defects of any kind are found, the Arch-deacon hath Power to enjoin Reparation within a convenient Time, upon pain of Eccleſiaſtical Cenſures; to which he is bound to proceed, in caſe of Neglect or Diſobedience.* †

† *Cujus eſt viſitare, ipſius eſt comperta corrigere.*

The *Legatin* Conſtitution of *Otho*, after a general Direction to Arch-deacons, to inſpect all Things, Temporal and Spiritual, belonging to the Church, adds, *Et quæ corrigenda invenient, corrigant diligenter.* Tit. 17. de Dom. Eccl. Reſic.

In the Conſtitution of Arch-biſhop *Walter*, *Si quos invenerint defectus, certum ſub pœnâ præfigant terminum, infra quem emendentur vel ſuppleantur*, Lyndw. Tit. de Off. Archidiac. c. Archidiaconi.

VII. *For the future Security of the* Goods *of all kinds, which any Church is already poſſeſs'd of; the Arch-deacon is to have a particular Account of them in Writing; that it may appear to him and his Succeſſors, in their ſucceeding Viſitations, whether any of the ſaid Goods Utenſils,* &c. *have been loſt, or alienated.* *

* In a Conſtitution of *Steph. Langton*; *Habeant etiam Archidiaconi in ſcriptis redacta omnia ornamenta & utenſilia Eccleſiarum; veſtes quoque & libros —— ut videant quæ fuerunt adjecta per diligentiam perſonarum* [ad quas ſpectat de talibus providere, Lyndw.] *vel quæ tempore intermedio per ipſarum malitiam vel imperitiam deperierunt.* Lyndw. de Off. Archid. c. Ut Archidiaconi. Where *Lyndwood's* Gloſs upon the Clauſe *In Scriptis*, is this; *Ut hæc Scripta indentata forent, bonum eſſet; ſic ut una pars remaneret penes Archidiaconum, alia penes Parochianos.*

Articles

Articles and Directions

In Order to a

Parochial VISITATION.

AS it ſeem'd neceſſary, after a long *Diſuſe* of Parochial Viſitations, to premiſe ſomething concerning the Nature of ſuch Viſitations, and the *Right* and *Duty* of Arch-deacons to hold them, to the End the general *Deſign* of them might be ſeen, and the Revival appear to be *Uſeful* and *Legal*; ſo, to render them the more *Regular* and *Effectual*, it is equally neceſſary, that all who are concern'd, and eſpecially *Church-wardens*, ſhould be prepar'd for them, by particular Inſtructions upon the following Heads:

I. *The Matters to be inſpected in a Parochial Viſitation.*

II. *The proper Methods of proceeding in it.*

III. *The Things to be done, in Conſequence of it, in order to the effectual Remedy of ſuch Defects as ſhall be found.*

First

First HEAD.

The Matters to be inſpected in a Parochial Viſitation.

I. *The* CHURCH *and* CHANCEL.

1. As to the * *Fabrick*
   - *Covering* and *Roof*; to ſee, That they be good, and ſecur'd againſt Rain.
   - *Walls* and *Doors*, That they be firm, and the *Walls* well plaiſter'd.
   - *Windows*, That they be well glaz'd.
   - *Floor*, That it be pav'd plain and even.

   * *Decretal. de Off. Archid. c.* 1. *Lyndw. Tit. de Off. Arch. c.* Archidiaconi. Can. 85.

2. † *Furniture.*
   - *Seats, Pulpit, Reading-Deſk, Font of Stone, Communion-Table, Cheſt with three Locks and Keys for the Regiſter-Book, and other Papers, Bells, and Bell-Ropes, Bier for the Burial of the Dead:* That all theſe be firm, convenient, and in good Order.

   † Can. 70, 81, 82, 83.

3. ‖ *Books,*
   - *Great Bible, Common-Prayer and Homilies, Regiſter of Parchment, Book for the Names of ſtrange Preachers, Table of Marriages:* That they be kept well-bound, whole, and fair.

   ‖ *Lyndw. Tit. de Off. Archid. c.* ſint Eccleſ. Can. 52, 70, 80, 99.

4. * *Veſtments.*
   - *Surplice, Hood, Carpet for the Communion-Table, Linnen-Cloth for the Communion-Table, Linnen-Cloth to cover the Elements, Cuſhion for the Pulpit, Herſe-Cloth for Burial of the Dead:* That all theſe be decent and comely, and kept whole and clean.

   * *Otho. Tit.* 19. de Archid. *Lyndw. Tit. de Off. Archid. c.* ſint Eccleſ. Can. 58, 82. Rubr. 13, 14. *Car.* 2.

5. ¶ *Veſſels.*
   - *Flagon, Chalice, and Paten for the Communion, and a Baſin for the Offertory:* That they be whole and decent.

   ¶ *Decretal. de Off. Arch. c.* 23. *Otho, Tit.* 19. *de Archid.* Can. 24. *Rubr.* 13, 14. *Car.* 2.

6. † *Ornaments.*

The whole Church or Chapel, That it be kept in orderly and decent Sort, without Duſt, or any Thing that may be either noiſom or unſeemly.

Ten Commandments, That they be fairly written, and ſet at the Eaſt End of the Church or Chapel. † *Can.* 82. 85.

Choſen Sentences of Scripture, That they be fairly written upon the Walls, in Places convenient.

II. BENEFACTIONS *towards the Repairs, Utenſils, or Ornaments of the Church.*

Lyndw. Tit. de Off. Archid. c. Ut Archid.

That the *Lands, Moneys, &c.* given to thoſe Uſes, be duly ſecur'd, preſerv'd, and apply'd.

III. *The* CHURCH-YARD.

That it be well and ſufficiently repair'd, fenc'd, and maintain'd, with Walls, Rails, or Pales, as have been in each Place accuſtom'd: That it be alſo kept clean and decent; and that the Trees growing therein, be duly preſerv'd and order'd, for the Security of the Church and Church-yard. *Can.* 85. *Stat.* 35. *Edw.* 1.

IV. *The* MANSION-HOUSE *of the Rector, Vicar, or Curate; with the other Houſes, Buildings, and Fences, thereunto belonging.*

Othob. Tit. 17. *de Dom. Eccl. Reſic.*

That all of them be kept in good and ſufficient Repair; and particularly, that the Manſion or Dwelling-Houſe (over and above the Repairs which are deem'd neceſſary) be kept in ſuch || decent Manner, as is ſuitable to the Condition of the ſaid Rector, Vicar, or Curate.

|| *Reſicere ſtudeant CONDECENTER.* Othob. Tit. 17. De Dom. Eccl. reficiend.

Stat. 7. Ann. c. 14. S. 3, 4, 8, 9.

V. Parochial Library *(where any such hath been erected) with the* Books, *and other* Benefactions, *which have from Time to Time been given to it.*

That this Place be furniſh'd with Shelves, Deſks, and other Conveniencies, and be alſo kept clean and dry: That the Books be preſerv'd in good Order, and an exact Catalogue of them taken, and ſign'd by the Miniſter; That all Monies, Lands, *&c.* given for the Increaſe and Maintenance thereof, be duely regiſter'd and apply'd; and that all other Rules and Orders, made for the good Government of the ſame, be obſerv'd.

Second HEAD.

The proper Methods of proceeding in a Parochial Viſitation.

I. THE Incumbent and Church-wardens to be regularly cited, to receive and undergo the Viſitation of the Arch-deacon.

2. The Arch-deacon to be attended by his Regiſter and Apparitor; the Apparitor, to teſtify the due ſerving of ſuch Citation; the Regiſter, to note down the Abſence of any of the Parties concern'd, the Defects that ſhall be found, the Decree of the Arch-deacon for Reparation of thoſe Defects, and all other Things and Matters of like Nature, which it may be neceſſary or convenient to regiſter, in the Courſe of the Viſitation.

3. The Incumbent and Church-wardens to be ready in the Church, on the Day, and at the Hour appointed and ſpecify'd in the ſaid Citation.

4. The Books, Veſtments, and Veſſels, to be all produc'd by the Church-wardens, and plac'd in the Veſtry, or in ſome con-

convenient Part of the Church or Chancel, againſt the Hour appointed in the Citation; in order to be ſeverally view'd and examin'd.

5. A particular Account or Repertory of the ſaid Books, Veſtments, and Veſſels, and of the ſeveral Benefactions towards Repairs, Utenſils, and Ornaments, as aforeſaid, to be ready prepar'd in Writing, under the Hands of the Incumbent and Church-wardens, and to be exhibited to the Arch-deacon, at the Time of his Viſitation.

6. The ſaid Account or Repertory (being firſt found true and exact, upon a View of the ſeveral Particulars) to be ſign'd by the Regiſter; and a Copy thereof (in like Manner ſign'd and atteſted) to be by him deliver'd to the Church-wardens, within two Months next enſuing, in order to be depoſited in the publick Cheſt of the Pariſh.

7. The Incumbent and Church-wardens to accompany the Arch-deacon from the Church to the Manſion-Houſe belonging to the ſaid Incumbent; and that, together with the other Buildings, and the Fences, to be in like Manner particularly view'd and inſpected.

8. The Parochial Library (where there is any ſuch) to be next inſpected by the Arch-deacon, accompany'd as aforeſaid, unleſs it ſhall be in the Church or Manſion-Houſe; and, in ſuch Caſe, to be viſited together with them.

Third HEAD.

The Things to be done in Conſequence of ſuch Parochial Viſitation, and in order to the effectual Remedy of the Defects which ſhall be found.

1. THE Incumbent or Church-wardens (as reſpectively concern'd, and oblig'd) to be admoniſh'd to repair the Defects, within ſuch Time as ſhall then and there be aſſign'd by the Arch-deacon.

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2. The ſaid Incumbent and Church-wardens to certify under their own Hands, and the Hands of two or more ſubſtantial Pariſhioners, at the next general Viſitation of the Arch-deacon, or within ſuch other Time as he ſhall judge fit and reaſonable, that the Defects are accordingly repair'd.

3. The Certificate ſo made, to be enter'd in the Acts of the Arch-deacon's Viſitation, with Reference to the former Entry of the Defect or Defects.

4. In Caſe ſuch Certificate is not return'd at the Time appointed, then the Incumbent or Church-wardens (as reſpectively concern'd) to be proceeded againſt by Eccleſiaſtical Cenſures and Penalties, until the Defects ſhall be repair'd, and a Certificate thereof return'd, in the Form and Manner before directed.

The Form of a Title requir'd by the Lord Biſhop of *Lincoln*, to be given to ſuch Curates within his Dioceſe as ſhall apply to him for *Holy Orders*.

THESE are to certify whom it may concern, That I Rector of in the County of and Dioceſe of do hereby nominate and appoint Batchelor (or Maſter) of Arts of the Univerſity of or to be my Curate, and to exerciſe the Office of a Deacon (or Prieſt) in my ſaid Church of in the County and Dioceſe aforeſaid.

And I do hereby promiſe to allow him the yearly Sum of for his Maintenance in the ſaid Cure, 'till he ſhall be otherwiſe provided of ſome Eccleſiaſtical Preferment, as the Canon requires, unleſs for any Fault by him committed, he ſhall be lawfully remov'd from the ſame. And I do declare, upon the Faith of a Chriſtian and a Clergy-man, that I do not fraudulently give this Certificate only to entitle the ſaid to the receiving of Holy Orders, *but with a true and real Intention, to employ him as my Curate, according to what is before expreſs'd.*

In Witneſs whereof, I have hereunto ſet my Hand this Day of

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